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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Steven M. Blumenau, et al.

Serial No: 09/107,684

Filed: June 30, 1998

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INITIALIZING LOGICAL OBJECTS IN A  
DATA STORAGE SYSTEM

Examiner: Yamir Encarnacion

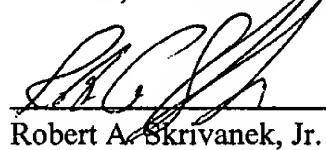
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 16, 2002, and the Request For Continued Examination (RCE) submitted herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Applicants present the claims as amended below and enclose a separate sheet indicating the amendments to the claims with bracketing and underlining.

Please amend claims 1-9, 11-22 as follows: